

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On November 20, 2009, the undersigned and the Examiner conducted a telephone interview to discuss the pending claims. Claims 1 and 2 were generally discussed along with the relevant cited art. While the Examiner admitted that proposed amendments presented during the interview for claim 1 would overcome the cited art, the Examiner indicated that an RCE would be necessary to enter the amendment. The Examiner also indicated that claim 2, as presented in the interview, was allowable. No agreement was reached.

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 7-9 are currently amended. Claims 1, 11-16 and 25-31 are cancelled. Claims 2-10 and 17-24 are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants have amended claim 2 incorporating all the elements of claim 1 and removing the phrase “comprises a switch.” As such, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 2-10 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner. For at least similar reasons, the remaining pending claims are also allowable.

Claim Objections

Claims 27 and 28 have been amended to address the Examiner’s objections. Correction of the dependency of the claims has been made to depend from claim 25.

Claim Rejections - §103

Claims 1-6, 11, 17-20, 25-26 and 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 7,324,785 (*Hansen*) in view of US Patent 7,158,812 (*Lee*). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 2 (among others) contained allowed subject matter. Applicants have rewritten claim 2 in independent form, therefore claim 2 is in condition for allowance. For similar reasons, claims 3-10, which depend from claim 2, are also allowable.

Claim 17 recites an apparatus claim containing language similar to allowable claim 2, and therefore, claim 17 is also allowable over the cited art for at least the same reasons that claim 2 is

allowable over the prior art. Similarly, claims 18-24 depend from allowable claim 17 and are also allowable for at least similar reasons.

For the aforementioned reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, **the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney** at the Houston, Texas telephone number (713) 934-4050 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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